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COVERS RICHEST GOLD AREA IN CALIFORNIA

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From the Californian, March 15, 1848:
The Liberty of the Press consists in the right to publish the Truth, with good motives and for justifiable ends. —Alexander Hamilton.

Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

The Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce is sending a letter to all chambers of commerce in Northern California, asking them to oppose the appointment of Al Garesio to be mining inspector. This circular letter was sent following advice from Sacramento that Governor Olson contemplated making this amazing appointment.

Aside from the appointment of a competent and widely known engineer to be his Director of Public Works, a careful scrutiny of the governor's choices for appointive jobs seems to reveal a calloused indifference to the welfare of California and a determination to pay his campaign debts in the debased currency of political expediency.

This was glaringly apparent in the appointment of his former county campaign manager to the superior bench in Alameda after the Alameda Bar had been asked to make a recommendation, and before they had done so. In justice to the governor it should be said that his appointment is chemically pure as compared with that of the scoundrelly shyster that Merriam had named, and who vacated the job under grand jury investigation for his many rascalities.

Garesio and 23 of his CIO followers called a strike on a mine employing 240 men, not one of whom was given an opportunity to vote on the matter. He called this strike without presenting a single grievance to the mine management. He is directly responsible for the first labor disturbance of any kind in Nevada County in thirty years.

The only gift that Garesio has thus far demonstrated to entitle him to a place on the public payroll, is the gift of volubility. He is known to be profoundly ignorant of technical mining knowledge and were he required to take the Civil Service examinations, for the job of mining inspector, no one who knows him, doubts he would ignominously fail. But there are methods of avoiding the Civil Service tests. The commission may make a temporary appointment and defer the examination for six months. When six months is ended, the examination under some conditions may again be postponed. In the meantime the political louse is drawing the tax payerr blood.

In view of the letters, now arriving at the governor's desk, it is just possible that he may refrain from slapping the great majority of Nevada County's 10,000 voters in the face. In sparing the county this humiliation, he may at the same time find another job on the state payroll for Garesio. The trees in the Capitol park shed a great many leaves in the autumn.

Garesio, for some months at least, was on the county relief rolls. It is not, of course, pleaded here that he should not transfer to the state payroll What we do suggest is that he be given a job within his capacities. As a labor leader, his fondest friends would probably admit he has been a total loss. He pulled a strike that was so unjustified in either morals or law that even the Labor Board refused to call a hearing. In California labor history this writer cannot recall a more monumental flop.

But if the governor in his political rectitude and wisdom should again decide expediently to name this blundering labor leader to an expert engineer's post, let us pray that Garesio be assigned to inspect mines in the sunny Southland. We think it would be a mistake to permit Garesio to inspect anything in Nevada County. We feel that he is so prejudiced against the mines, the miners and the entire community that his bias would be reflected in his work.

This county in November rolled up a majority of several hundred for Merriam. (This was over a month before the fragrant Megladdery scandal). We suggest respectfully to the governor that the espousal of his cause by Garesio and compan, lost him a victory in Nevada County. Even on the score of rewarding the politically meritous, therefore, the appointment of Garesio to any state post wouldd be undeserved. The governor well may say to himself: "Just why do I owe this man anything?"

Civil Liberties Union Warns School Board

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—The Sacramento Bee says: The American Civil Liberties Union warned the Nevada City Board of Education today it may be "laying itself open" to a damage suit by expelling Russell Stebbins, sixth grade pupil for refusing to participate in flag salute ceremonies.

Ernest Besig, branch director of the union, suggested to J. F. Colley, chairman of the school board that he postpone action in the Stebbins matter until after the United States Supreme Court has given a ruling in the case of Charlotte Gabrielli, a Sacramento school girl, expelled for failing to salute the flag.

In both cases, the flag salute was refused because of religious objections. Both are members of Jehovah's Witnesses, a religious organization believing it an act of idolatry to pay homage to any material thing.

Besig's letter stated:

Press dispatches indicate the board, in excluding Master Stebbins relies upon the state supreme court decision in the Gabrielli case.

Your board should know that the state supreme court allowed an appeal to the United States Supreme Court in the Gabrielli case, and that the record on the appeal has just been filed. If the United States Supreme Court reverses the decision the school board by expelling Master Stebbins, lays itself open to a damage suit.

May I also venture to point out that San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles public schools excuse members of Jehovah's Witnesses from participating in the flag salute exercises. Such action has not resulted in any serious consequences to the school discipline and in some cases, we are informed, the pupil has, after some lapse of time, voluntarily participated in the flag salute exercises.

CITY COUNCIL STUDIES GAULT BRIDGE QUESTION

The city council held its regular meeting last night. The surfacing of the Gault bridge was the subject of much consideration. City Engineer Ed Uren gave figures on the load weight quoted by a bridge company. City Clerk Calanan was requested to write the state division of highway engineers asking them to examine the bridge and estimate its strength for load weight. City Engineer Uren was also requested to write asking the American Bridge Company for their views. The bridge was built thirty five years ago.

A request was made by J. E. Dimmen of the old Rousche Brewery on Spring street for permission to re? build a portion of the structure which was torn away on the east side several years ago. The request was granted, no permit is required.

John Zunio signed a contract with the council under the new city ordinance to collect the city garbage.

RECEIPTS

To balance in treasury $9125.27.
To water collections $1827.00.
State tax, $403.03.
To city marshall, licenses $521.95.
To city marshil, taxes delinquent $5.25.
To city recorder, fines, $10.00.
To city assessor, taxes dog tax, $50.00.
Penalties and costs. Miscellaneous $1.42.
Miscellaneous $200.06.
Pac. Tel. and Tel. Co. franchise, $374.00—$3392.71.
Total, $12517.98.

DISBURSEMENTS

By warrants paid on general fund $4546.97.
By warrants paid on fire fund, $51.50.
By warrants paid on library fund $141.81—$4740.58.
To balance in treasury $7777.40.
To balance in fire fund $372.01.
To balance in library fund, $884.-44.
To balance io general fund, $6520.-92.

Jas. Allen $125.00; H. S. Hallett $150.00; R. L. P. Bigelow $100.00; Garfield Robson $150.00; Geo. H. Calanan $20.00; Max Solaro $71.50; Dr. E. M. Roasner $40.00; Mrs. E. Foley $12.50; Miles P. Coughlan $12.50; May C. Goyne $75.00; Howard Penrose $2.18; Glenn H. Cleland $9.57; Plaza Garage $3.09; Marysville Tractor. Equip Co. $154.25; Sentinel Chemical Company $10.09; 5-10-15c Save More Store $1.90; E. Christenson $30.35; The Plaza Grocery $18.18; Fred Tredennick $42.-75; W. S. Williamson $66.18; Geo. W. Gildersleeve $12.50; Alpha Stores $84.35; J. W. Shebley $40.16; R. E. Harris $2.79; John Zunino $7.50; N. C. Nugget $44.82; R. L. P. Bigelow $2.54; Tahoe Sugar Pine Co. $78.-13; N. C. Feed and Fuel Store $2.-40; Richfield Service Station $2.46; Miners Foundry and Supply Co. $471.32; L. C. Allen $36.00; Dick James $4.50; Ted Sigourney $109.-12; Nick Sandow $108.56; Tom White $58.50; Harron, Rickard & McCone Co. $13.88; Pacific Gas & Electric Co. $239.89; Pacific Gas & Electric Co. $30.67; Leland Allen $4.50; Lloyd White $4.50; Shamrock Cafe $43.75; Eugene Blake $35.00; Nevada Irrigation District $349.25. Total $2,882.03.

IDAHO MARYLAND SINKS 800 FT. IN NEW BRUNSWICK

The Idaho-Maryland is soon to begin work in sinking the shaft of the New Brunswick 800 feet lower, to carry on exploration work at this greater depth. The management reports that this will not entail an increase in the number of employes, as it is expected to complete the work with the present force.

CAR THEFTS DUE TO PARENTS AND DRIVERS FAULT

SACRAMENTO, Mar. 4—Careless motorists who leave keys in automobile ignition locks and parents who apparently do not know the whereabouts of their young boys between 13 and 17 years of age at night were blamed today by Chief E. R. Cato of the California highway patrol for most of the many recent car thefts by juveniles throughout the state.

Many arrests of young car thieves are being made late at night and in some instances officers have had to shoot at the tires of the stolen automobiles as the youngsters have been driving them at speeds as high as 90 miles an hour to escape pursuing officers.

"Motorists and parents can both join with us in preventing much of this crime," said Chief Cato here today. "When a car is left unprotected the doors should be locked and the ignition keys removed. Also parents should be certain of the whereabouts of their boys at night as many of the boys are scarcely more than infants. A few days ago our officers pursued one car for several miles at speeds varying up to 90 miles an hour before they could stop it."

Mrs. H. H. Hallett is having three old locust trees removed from in front of her home on Broad street. They are very old and a decayed condition made them dangerous to travel.

Mrs. Frank Farmer of Robinson Heights is honoring Mrs. Otto E. Schiffner as a member of the Quilting Club with a delightful party today.

BANNER MT. POST

A special meeting of Banner Mt. Post, V. F. W. auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. Minnie Young on Park avenue this afternoon. They are not only enjoying a social time but taking up several business matters pertaining to the auxiliary and the coming series of dances.

Mrs. Ed Conley of Town Talk who is an enthusiastic snow sportswoman spent Wednesday in the high Sierras on a skiing trip with guests.

CHAMBER HONORS MAN, SECRETARY FOR 15 YEARS

Paying warm tribute to his faithful service for fifteen years as secretary of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce, that body elected last night accepted the resignation of W. H. Griffiths, and elected Emmett Gallagher, president, and H. F. Sofge, secretary for the ensuing year. Ward Sheldon was re-elected vice-president and John Fortier, treasurer.

George Calanan, in a hapyy vein, recounted the services that Secretary Griffiths has so ably performed for the chamber over this unusually long term, At the conclusion of Mr. Calanan's address many members acrose to express their own personal regard for the retiring secretary, and appreciation of the splendid work he has accomplished.

The chamber of commerce also gave Fred E. Conner, who has successfully done his work for the past three years, a rising vote of thanks. They expressed their appreciation of his many projects and ideas which have succeeded during his administration. He replied "It was all fun."

Immediately after a dinner at the National Hotel, with Fred Conner presiding and forty members present the business of election of new officers was begun. The nominating committee presented its selections. They were unanimously elected. Gallagher was seated as president and on a motion a committee be named to draw up a new set of by-laws. Hal Draper was named chairman, with Ward Sheldon and Frang Finnegan to assist him.

On motion of Hal Draper, the new president "drafted" H. P. Davis to head a committee to arrange material and literature for presentation to visitors this year.

The board of directors chosen, follows:

William Griffiths, Fred E. Conner, E. M. Rector, Oscar Odegaard, W. W. Waggoner, W. A. Roddy, Fred Cassidy, R. J. Bennetts, George Calanan, George Gildersleeve, DeWitt Nelson, Frank Finnegan, E. V. Cain, H. M. Leete, L. W. Kopp, Robert Nye, Joe Wilhoite and John D. Gaskins. The nominating committee was composed of Fred Cassidy, chairman, Hal Draper, R. J. Bennetts, John Gaskins, E. V. Cain, Emmett Gallagher and L. W. Kopp.

ARCTIC MINE NOW REOPENED

Don Carlos Billick, who is in charge of the mill at the Arctic mine, was a Nevada City visitor on Wednesday. This was his first visit in Nevada City since the 16th of January. There are about four feet of snow at the Arctic mine which reopened March 1 after a shutdown of a few weeks. A cave-in during the first heavy snow storm filled the flume with debris until it froze over shutting off the flow of water used in generating power for the mine. A number of the men remained in the bunkhouse and boarded at the boarding house awaiting reopening of the mine 'There are ten men employed. The mill will be run one shift until the flow of water is increased. L. F. Utter operates the property.

ASSEMBLYMAN 6TH DIST. VISITS CONSTITUENTS

Allan G. (Scoop) Thurman, assemblyman from the 6th district, was a Nevada City visitor yesterday. He was guest speaker at the Rotary Club meeting.

Mr. Thurman is spending the week end at his home in Colfax having just completed a 2000 mile trip through the sixth assembly district. He visited seven of the ten counties in his district, all but Alpine, Mono and Inyo counties. It was a get-acquainted with his constituents trip. He met the various organizations in his district and was guest speaker at many of the service clubs meetings.

The state legislature, re-convenes Monday, March 6, after a 30 day recess.

Mrs. W. H. Jewel of Kansas City is spending a few weeks with her brother, Alfred Lewis, on the Lake Vera road. She came to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Maggie Lewis.

Jury To Decide Fate Of Blackwoods Today

The jury of 11 men and one woman in the trial of Irl R. Blackwood, 42, PWA foreman and his wife, Irene 46, charged with the murder of Jas. Root and Arthur Lavalley in Grass Valley New Year's Day in a dispute over the use of a dilapidated tin outhouse, will begin deliberating the fate of the couple this morning after receiving instructions from Superior Judge George L. Jones.

Except for the court's instructions to the jury, the case was completed yesterday afternoon. District Attorney Vernon Stoll in his address to the jury asked for the conviction of the Blackwoods on a first degree murder charge without recommendation of mercy. The verdict carries with it the penalty of death.

William Cassettaria, defense attorney, pleaded for a not gulity verdict, stating the defendants were attempting to protect their own lives.

If the Blackwoods are determined guilty by the jury of the present charge they will then be given a trial on their plea of not guilty by reason of insanity. The same jury will try them on the insanity plea, if such a trial is necessary.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Blackwood took the witness stand in their own behalf. Mrs. Blackwood was subjected to a severe gruelling by District Attorney Stoll in a cross examination that lasted more than two hours.

Her story, which differed widely from the stories told by the prosecution witnesses, was broken down in several instances under the cross examination.

Mrs. Blackwood testified Root and the guests of the Roots at a New Year's Day dinner were the aggressors in the quarrel over the outhouse.

"I saw Lavalley busting open our toilet," she testified, "I said to my husband: 'Quick, honey, run down and stop him.'

Mrs. Blackwood said her husband ran out of the trailer house in which the couple lived. She said he did not notice the gun, which she said he had been cleaning, in his hand until he got outside. She said he then dropped the gun in his pocket.

The witness continued:

"We went to the Root cabin and told Mrs. Root the toilet had been broken. I told her she is accountable for what her company does and asked her to tell them to leave the place alone.

"Lavalley told us the toilet was nothing but an old shack and that he had a right to break it down. My husband told him it was against the law to break a lock on other people's property.

"Root said: 'Who are you and what are you; nothing but an old crab.' He doubled up his fist as if he were going to strike me. He turned around and said he was going to get his gun and kill us. Walker (one of the guests) and some others circled around us and cut us off from our trailer. I told them: 'Stand back and leave us alone'."

"Mrs. Lavalley took a poke at me for all she was worth. We started backing away. We backed about 20 feet to the top of a bank. When we backed to the bank Mrs. Lavalley knocked me down the bank. Lavalley struck at my husband. He hit him on the shoulder.

"My husband lunged forward and as he did Root shot at my husband and missed him. Someone said: 'Kill him! Kill him!' Root hit my husband on the head with his gun. Lavalley grabbed my husband. Someone said: 'Kill him with his own gun.' I heard shots. The women surged in like a pack of wolves. I tried to get to my husband. Mrs. Lavalley shoved me back. When I got up they had my husband in front of the toilet. The women were trying to dig his eyes out. I took hold of one woman and tried to pull her off my husband. They knocked me down."

Mrs. Blackwood said she had her gun all that time and had not fired it. She said the gun happened to be in her packet pocket from the night before at which time she placed it in the pocket for protection when she went to the outhouse at midnight. She testified a man grabbed the gun from her and pointed it at her husband and shouted: "I'm going to kill you!"

She said at that time Mrs. Lavalley grabbed her again and started pulling her hair.

"I started pulling her hair," she related. "Then she said: 'You quit pulling my hair and I'll quit pulling yours.' I said: 'You're on top, you quit first.' Then someone pulled her off me."

Mrs. Blackwood said the men continued assaulting her husband when Ed Martin a neighbor arrived at the scene and he made them stop. She said they then went to their trailer house where they were arrested a short time later by Captain Joseph Blake of the California highway patrol.

Blackwood's story was similar to his wife's tale. He testified, however he did not remember what happaned after he was struck upon the head by Root.

"The whole mob crowded us," Blackwood related. "Lavalley struck at me. I struck back at him with the butt of my gun. A shot whizzed past my head and something came down on top of my head. The rest is not clear to me. I don't remember what happened. The next thing I remembered is when I got up after the trouble was over."

Blackwood did say he remembers hearing shots but was not conscious that he fired them.

The cross examination of Blackwood did not take as long as that of Mrs. Blackwood. Stoll questioned him on the outhouse. Blackwood said it was constructed of "very old tin" and the framework was of lumber obtained when a Grass Valley morgue was torn down.

Blackwood told Stoll he "did not believe anyone but my wife had good sense" at the time the trouble was at its height and the two men were shot.

"I know I didn't," he said.

The district attorney had no rebuttal testimony to offer and following the testimony of Blackwood the arguments by the counsel were presented.

A strong chain of evidence was introduced by District Attorney Stoll in the presentation of the prosecution's case against the couple.

The jury was selected shortly before noon Tuesday. Stoll placed four eye-witnesses to the slayings on the stand besides the officers who investigated the case.

Mrs. Gladys Root, widow of one of the men killed, was the chief presecution witness. She said her husband was shot after he had thrown his gun away at the reuest of Blackwood, who had suggested the "argument be settled without guns."

Mrs. Root testified her first intimation of the trouble was when she head a commotion outside the house while preparing dinner.

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STATE CHAMBER TO REVIEW ALL HIGHWAY BILLS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—Statewide Highway Committee members will meet with the California State Chamber of Commerce tomorrow, March 2, at 12:15 p. m., in the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, for the purpose of analyzing bills affecting state highways now before the state legislature.

J. H. Threlkeld, highway committee chairman, and director of the State Chamber of Commerce, in calling the meeting, pointed out that there were sixteen senate proposals and 13 assembly proposals, all designed to bring about radical changes in either the financing, construction or maintenance of state highways. One would increase the tax on gasoline sales from three cents to four cents per gallon. Another would reduce the tax to two cents per gallon.

Regional highway meetings for the purpose of discussing these measures have been held, in all of the six districts of the State Chamber of Commerce. Reports from each district committee will be presented to the statewide committee. The statewide highway committee will render its report to the board of directors of the State Chamber which meets in San Francisco, on the day following, Friday, March 3.

Miss Leila Shaughnessy of Park avenue is visiting her aunt and uncle in Placerville.

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Mr. Ickes Has His Say

The hysterical outpourings of abuse on the American press by Secretary of the Interior Ickes combine a naive illogic with petulant bad temper.

Citing circumstances leading up to defeat of the Administration-backed reorganization bill in the Senate as a horrible example, Mr. Ickes uses up several thousand vitrolic words in a national weekly magazine to expound the three main points of his thesis. Of commentators who wrote against that bill, he says: "Facts were as nothing . . . they outdid one another in eruptive exaggeration. . ." Conversely, those writers who favored the bill, says Mr. Ickes, struggled "valiantly, if vainly, to deflect with facts the mad march of some of their misinformed and misinforming fellow columnists." The third point— a real hair-raiser—is the allegation that the Republic is headed for disaster because the common people are invariably deluded into swallowing the false ideas of the "mad" misinformed and misinforming" writers—i. e., the public is too unintelligent and uninformed to judge for itself.

Of course, Mr. Ickes system of judging newspapermen by whether they see eye to eye with him on a particular issue is too absurd for refutation. It simply shows that while he can "dish it out" he can't "take it."

Virtually all newspapers, whether liberal or conservative, Democratic or Republican, print all factual news impartially; so the reader can draw his own conclusions. If an editor exercises his privilege editorially to interpret the news, each reader has the same opportunity to interpret the same news, and his interpretation may or may not agree with the editorial writer's.

All of which is simply the way—the best way—of a free press in a free Democracy. Mr. Ickes has had his say, and may have it as often as he chooses, in the very press he condemns so roundly. But equally entitled to their say are those who take issue with Mr. Ickes, however much that may continue to irk him!—Contributed.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By JEAN MARTZ

The last of the group pictures have been taken for the Quill by Maurice Kach. On Wednesday the following pictures were taken, Honor Society, Block N. C., Older Boy's Conference, Delegates, Older Girl's Conference Delegates, Ski Club, the Girl's A and B basketball teams, Girls Tennis Tournament, Office Girls and Student Body accountants and librarians, and the Band and Orchestra. On Thursday Mr. Kach took the boys A and B basket ball teams and the football team. These all the pictures with the exception of the Senior Farce cast, which can not be taken until later.

"BEEF TRUST" VS. "HERMANS"

The "Beef Trust" met the "Hoosegow Hermans" on Monday afternoon in girl's basketball. In the game, both sides seemed under their usual standard. The "Beef Trust" won. Jane Bennett who was high pointer for the "Beef Trust is easily the most outstanding player of this season. She has an unerring aim and sinks a good many of her shots. Adrienne Barnharte who was high pointed for the "Hoosegow Hermans" plays an excellent game at both forward and guard positions. The two teams will meet again on this evening.

ECONOMICS CLUB

The Home Economics Club is busy preparing its assembly program for Friday, under the direction of Miss Mildred Sevensten. A few of the numbers are as follows: "Analysis of a Coed" by Mary Libbey; two solos by Patricia Presly, one of which will be "Indian Love Call"; "Lines to a Lady About to go Abroad for the First Time" by Jean Martz.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

Each class and organization must present a program for the assembly at some time in the year. The only set time is for the senior program, which must be just before Christmas.

BASKETBALL

A post season basketball game will be played on Friday night between the Yellowjackets A and B teams and the Elks teams. Coach Martin will probably start his regular first string which are A team, Childers and Lotz, forwards; Kopp, center; Gates and Doolittle, guards; B team, Ruth and Pingree, forwards; McCraney, center; Tobiassen and Martin, guards.

SNAP DAY TODAY

On Friday ,if the weather permits Nevada City high school will hold a "snap day." Many students will bring their cameras and try to catch their friends in odd and interesting poses. There are three pages for "snaps" in this year's Quill.

CHORAL PROGRESS

The choruses at high school are doing very fine work. They are singing "Kentucky Babe" and "I Dream of Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair." The girl's chorus has learned "Sing a Song of Sixpense" and "Five Little Piggies" and are starting on "Old Mother Hubbard." The choruses sing the popular songs "Blue Skies" and "Umbrella Man" in harmony. They are planning to learn "The Bells of Treasure Isle" which is the anthem of the exposition.

HONOR SOCIETY

The Honor Society is planning to hold a meeting on Friday to plan for a party in the near future. There are about twenty on the honor roll. The C. I. F. members have pins which are tiny torches with S. S. on them, standing for "scholarship." At graduation the seniors who have been on the C S F for 6 semesters will receive another pin, a tiny gold lamp of knowledge. Miss Rector is advisor.

MARRIED IN RENO

George T. Nankoff, 42, and Dalphine J. Chuller, 33, were married in Reno, Monday. The groom resided in Alleghany a number of years coming to Nevada City only recently to reside. His bride was in the employ of Mrs. E. Carnes in the Triangle Cafe. Both have made many friends during their residence in this city. They are extended best wishes. Upon their return from a honeymoon they will make this city their home.

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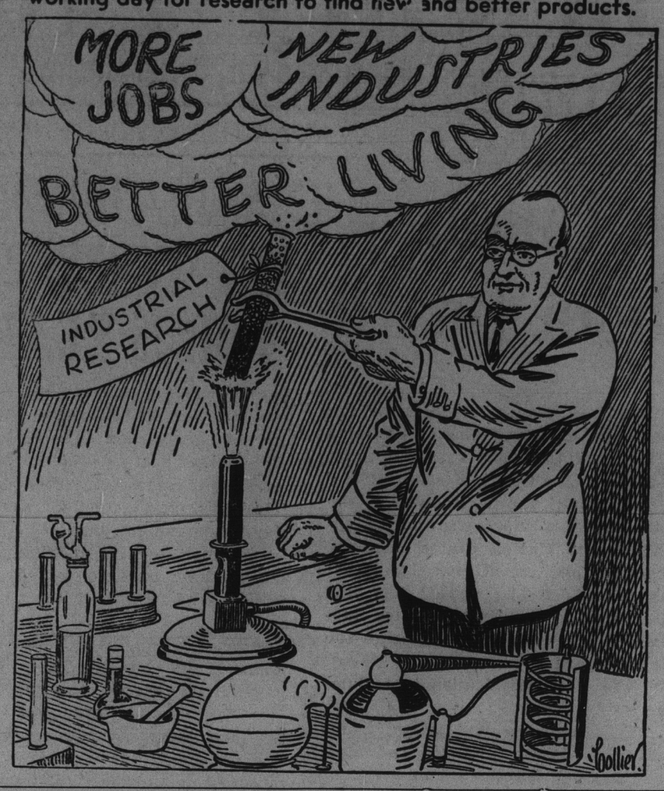

WITH YOUR ASSEMBLYMAN

"SCOOP" THURMAN

AT THE STATE CAPITOL

A. G. Thurman

Your assemblyman is a member of the committee on labor and capital in the lower house, and we present herewith the gist of some of the labor bills which may affect the mining industry of our district.

Assembly Bills

A. B. 100 (Pelletier) another anti - injunction bill.

A. B. 105 (Rosenthal). Effect of this bill would be to legalize rioting, patrolling of public streets free from police restraint and collateral purposes.

A. B. 112 (Yorty) provides publicity fund of $15,000 for department of industrial relations.

A. B. 231 (Cronin) limits "jurisdiction of the courts" in labor disputes. Another anti-injunction bill.

A. B. 240 (Tenney). This bill is similar to A. B. 105 (Rosenthal) but applies to civil code instead of labor code. Prevents police interference or control in labor disputes, etc.

A. B. 254 (Reaves) creates a California Mediation Commission for labor disputes.

A. B. 291 (Yorty et al) creates labor relations board. Another method of strike "mediation."

A. B. 364 (Atkinson) requires employer to specify in writing as to deduction from wages of an employee.

A. B. 373 (Williamson) seems to assume that agreements between labor and employer are not illegal and seeks to legalize same.

A. B. 385 (Doyle and Rosenthal) defines and outlaws "blacklisting" and makes same a misdemeanor.

A. B. 433 (Hawkins and Dill) defines and forbids "spotting" by an employer. Requires employer to give hearing to employee before discharge and fixes $500 fine for violation.

A. B. 501 (Tenney and Dill) forbids employment or transportation of strikebreakers, defining the latter; protects picketing. Practically denies men the right to work.

A. B. 577 (Yorty) outlaws "industrial homework" and forbids dealing in products therefrom.

A. B. 579 (Yorty) creates a mediation board. Recites policy of state to cooperate with U. S. to eliminate "sources" of labor disputes. Sets up machinery for mediation.

A. B. 923 (Hawkins) places women and minor agricultural workers within labor code.

A. B. 1552 (King) permits unlimited picketing on highway, street or public place.

A B. 2217 (O'Day) creates California Mediation Board with investigatory and subpoena power. Similar to S. B. 1149.

A. B. 2595 (Scudder) creates California Labor Relations Board similar to National Labor Relations Board.

Senate Bills

S. B. (Swing) allows state to fix wages for public workers; administered by division of labor statistics.

S. B. 20 (Biggar) creates a labor relations commission; another mediation bill.

S. B. 370 (Garrison) establishes means for labor union secret ballot votes.

S. B. 445 (Metzger) seeks to prevent aliens from holding offices in labor union.

S. B. 1024 (Shelley) gives labor commission concurrent power with district attorneys to prosecute any violations, to institute civil suits to enforce claims, handle wage claims differentials. Labor commission can prosecute all claims arising out of failure to pay minimum wages fixed by law. empowers commission to bring actions in superior courts for injunctions, fixes attorney's fees at 50 per cent of principal amount involved in wage suit, fixes minimum wage at 38 cents an hour, 57 cents for overtime. This bill contains numerous other amendments equally undesirable.

S. B. 1134 (Shelley) is the "California Picketing Act." Prohibits criminal punishment for picketing. Would abrogate present law on this subject. Defines "labor ispute" as any disagreement involving labor whether or not disputants stand "in the proximate relation of employer and employee,"

S. B. 1149 (Shelley) is the "California Labor Relations Act." Creates California Labor Relations Board of three members appointed by the governor, each drawing salaries of $9,000 Defines unfair labor practice, requires collective bargaining, defendant employer pays all costs of suits, provides hearings before district court of appeals and supreme court, provides stringent penalties, prohibits any employer refusing to comply with orders of National Labor Relations Board from doing business with the state. This is a most stringent labor bill.

S. B. 1222 (Shelley) provides that all contractors with the state must recognize union labor. A detailed labor bill which requires further study.

Other bills of interest to the mining industry include Assembly Bill 167, introduced by Assemblyman Yorty and others. It is a wages and hours bill. This bill proposes 35 cents uer hour minimum first year; 40 cents during the next six years and 45 cents thereafter. Working hours first year limited to 8 hour day and 44 hour week; 42 hour week second year, 40 hour week thereafter. Time and one half would be paid for overtime. The wage board is set up with labor standards, administrator in department of industrial relations. Head of this department may occupy position of administrator.

Assembly Bill 203 by Assemblyman Reaves is approximately the same as Yorty's bill.

There are a number of fish and game bills which affect the mining industry, including several stream pollution bills. Assembly Bill No. 1366 by Assemblyman Call and others would amend Section 481 of the fish and game code. This is a most stringent and all-inclusive pollution bill covering chemical content of all water and directed against petroleum, coal, fish and vegetable oils, sawmills, mining and other industries. Defines pollution as anything which increases turbidity of a stream by more than 25 parts per million, if operations are carried on in stream channel or 100 parts per million if tailings are from mill, dredge or other mining operation, exclusive of hydraulic mining.

Several of the other pollution bills would restrict placer mining in the Trinity and Klamath river areas.

Assembly Bill 212, of which Assemblyman Voigt is the author would levy a severance tax on gold and all other natural resources. The bill would levy a severance tax of 10 per cent on market value of petroleum at the well; 5 per cent per 1000 cubic feet on natural gas; 15 cents per barrel on cement made from limestone, silica and alumina; $2.50 per ton on borates; one per cent of market value on all other natural resources from land, water, quarry, pit, mne or other places of severance. This includes gold and silver.

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SEVERANCE TAX BILLS PENDING IN LEGISLATURE

Legislation of interest to the mining fraternity introduced during the first part of the California legislative session includes such controversial matters as the proposed severance tax on minerals, the creation of a separate department of mines and pollution of the Klamath and Trinity rivers through mining operations.

Although it generally had been expected the only severance tax legislation to be introduced would affect only the natural gas and petroleum industry, Assemblyman Ernest O. Voigt of Los Angeles tossed into the hopper a measure that would impose such taxes on all natural resources, including metallic and non metallic minerals, gas and petroleum.

Voigt also is the author of a separate bill providing for a severance tax on petroleum, natural gas and natural gasoline.

A third measure, commonly believed to contain Governor Olson's recommendations, was introduced by Assemblyman John H. O'Donnell of Yolo county, George D. Collins, Jr., of San Francisco and Maurice F. Atkinson of Long Beach. It provides for severance taxes on petroleum on a gravity basis ranging from 1.4 cts. per barrel for the product below 15 degrees gravity to 2.7 cents per barrel for that above 34 degrees gravity. That bill would fix a tax of .012 cents per 1,000 cubic feet on natural gas and a similar tax per gallon on natural gasoline, effective July 1, 1939.

The Voigt petroleum and natural gas severance bill would fix the tax at higher figures, ranging from 2.1 cents per barrel for petroleum under 15 degrees gravity to .0405 cents per barrel for that of 34 degrees gravity and over. On natural gas the tax would be .018 cents per -,000 cubic feet for natural gasoline the same.

In the Voigt bill proposing a severance impost on all natural resources except fish and game. The proposal would provide a tax of 10 per cent of the market value at the well on petroleum; 5 cents per 1000 cubic feet on natural gas; 15 cents per barrel on lime, limestone, silica and alumina used in the manufacture of Portland cement; $1.50 per ton on borates; and 1 per cent of the market value at the quarry, pit, mine or other place of severance on all other natural resources severed from the land or water.

Senator Harold Powers of Modoc county is the author of the measure providing for the segregation of the mines division from the department of natural resources and raising it to the dignity of a separate department. The Powers bill would place the new department under the control of the State Mining Board, to be composed of five members to be named by the governor.

A companion measure by Power proposes to amend section 504 of the public resources code, providing for the powers of the department of natural resources, by the elimination of the words "division of mines."

A bill by Assemblyman George P. Miller of Alameda and A. G. Thurman of Placer county seeks to make stronger the laws aimed at prevention of highgrading of gold. The measure provides that upon the delivery of ores, concentrates, gold dust, bullion, nuggets or specimens in any one day, to a licensed gold buyer, the seller must not only sign the record book as required by law, but must place a print of the four fingers of his right hand upon the reverse side of the sheet.

Assemblyman Michael J. Burns of Humboldt county is the author of a measure that amends section 482 of the fish and game code, prohibiting the rolling of "any substance affecting the clarity" of any waters in the Klamath Fish and Game District and the Trinity and Klamath River Fish and Game District. It would specify that the waters would be deemed affected when they were of "less clarity" after any substance resulting from mining operations were dumped into them.

A bill by Senator J. I. Wagy of Bakersfield and one by Senator F. E. Fletcher of San Diego would amend the law relative to relocation of mineral claims. The Wagy bill provides for the posting of a notice of relocation, a copy of which must be recorded within thirty days. The Flether bill adds an act fixing a penalty of not more than $1000 fine or by imprisonment for not more than a year for claim jumping, through illegal location.

Other bills of interest to the mining fraternity include:

One by Senator Jesse Carter of Shasta county providing for the elimination of a section of the civil code which lists sluice boxes, flumes, hose, pipes, railway tracks, cars, blacksmith shops, mills and all other machinery or tools used in developing or operating a mine as "affixed to the mine."

A bill by Assemblyman Paul A. Richie of San Diego providing powers to boards of county supervisors to appropriate money for advertising and exhibiting the mineral resources of their counties.

Two by Assemblymen Earl Desmond and Chester Gannon or Sacramento county, providing that the state mining division may maintain offices, a museum and a laboratory at any point that, in the opinion of the division would best serve the interests of the state.

A measure by Senator George M. Biggar of Covelo providing for the restoration of top soil of land mined by dredges to its original position and depth after the gold content of the underlying gravels is extracted.

Two bills by Assemblyman Hubert Scudder of Sonoma, referring to the handling of funds derived from the sales of publications of the division of mines.

A bill by Assemblyman Harrison W. Call of Redwood City, an act for the protection of royalties to the state from residual lake areas mining and for the protection of the operations of such mines. —Sacramento Bee.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Deeter of the Ark, Glenwood, recently received word that Mrs. Deeter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffiths of London, England will sail from Southampton early in April for San Francisco. The trip will be made via the Panama Canal. This will be the first time Mrs. Deeter has seen her parents for eleven years. Mr. Griffiths who is an Associate of the Royal School of Mines, member of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, etc. although now retired is a well known mining engineer, and this will be his first visit to the California Gold regions, he is looking forward to it with keen interest. Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths will arrive in San Francisco on May 6.

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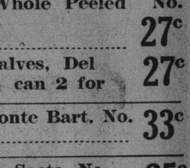

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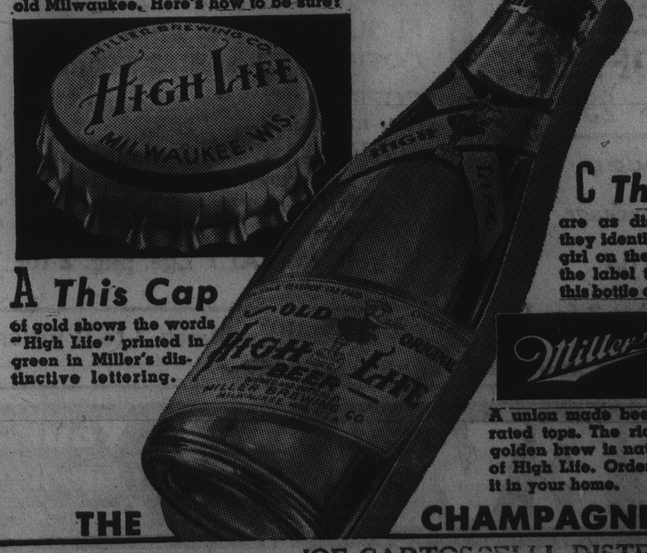

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BILL MAY HALT "CROSS FILING" OF CANDIDATES

By CLEM WHITAKER

The California ballot, which has grown as long as a politician's speech, and more complicated than international diplomacy, is due for a trip to the tailor to make the darn thing fit the fellow it was fashioned for—the California voter!

As an aftermath of last year.s elections, when a bewildered electorate learned that political polygamists could be legally wedded to five or six parties at one time—and have their names appear on as many tickets—the state legislature will shortly start to deliberate on several measures designed to compel Republicans to run as Republicans and Democrats as Democrats.

Obviously, a candidate cannot be at the same time a Democrat, a Republican, a Socialist, a Progressive and a Prohibitionist, and ballot reformists in the legislature are seeking to end the political masquerade by securing the enactment of a law to prevent "cross-filing." If the bill secures legislative approval, candidates will appear on one ticket only—their own ticket—and voters will be spared the necessity of buying a party manual to identify party candidates.

And inasmuch as the average voter (party organs to the contrary, notwithstanding) doesn't give a whoop about party organization, another bill before the legislature would remove from the ballot the names of candidates for the county central committees of each party—leaving that chore to the party's legislative nominees.

Most important, perhaps, of all of the election simplification proposals pending before the lawmakers is a measure to require that all initiative and referendum acts be submitted to the voters in the "off year"—when candidates are not candidates, and consequently are not tempted to ride to victory on a "Thirty Dollars Every Thursday" issue, or some similar shiboleth popular at the moment.

Divorcing elections for candidates from elections on issues, according to the ballot reform experts, will go a long way toward eliminating political hypocrisy—and will also have the effect of shortening the ballot which the puzzled voter must wrangle with in the voting booth.

And from the standpoint of the average voter, almost any reform will be a good reform. The 1938 ballot, with hundreds of candidates and most of 'em "polygamous"—and 25 initiative and referendum acts, some more than 10,000 words long—worsted all worsts and left plenty of room for improvement.

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A hungry stomach or one that has too much food will make a cross child. Feed your child at the same time every day. See that his hands are clean before he eats; that he sits quietly and serve a little of each food. Eat some of everything yourself. Show that you like everything, never say "I don't like this".

Also never ask him "do you lige this." His first thought when food is brought to him is "I'm hungry." But if you ask him if he likes it, he is apt to think of something new and say to himscelf, "maybe I don't like it. No I don't, I won't eat it."

If he does not eat, pay no attention, be sure he is not ill. Let him go off with out eating. It will not hurt him to miss one or two meals or 3 meals if necessary. Give him nothing between meals. Do not be afraid. Soon he will be hungry and he will eat what you give him.

Start your year old child to feed himself. He will spill some. Let him. He will soon learn. Then he will be happy and good. It is hard to teach a baby to feed himself and it takes a lot of time and patience but remember that he must learn to be independent.

Do not beg him or promise something nice if he will eat. He will soon learn not to eat until you promise him something.

See that you give your child the proper food and not too much at one time and remember not to try to make him eat when he is too tired or angry to be hungry. He will not digest his food well. Make meal time a happy quiet time.

HEAD OF BANK OF AMER. HAILS GOODWILL ERA

L. M. Giannini, president of the Bank of America, who arrived in Los Angeles early in the week from Washington, D. C., had the following comments to make:

"Secretary of Commerce Harry L. Hopkins has taken a forward step in the public interest in his endeavor to bring about an era of goodwill between government, business and labor. Let us hope that this contemplated era will mean sustained cessation of unnecessary hostilities along all fronts.

"Business leaders, I find, are willing and eager to cooperate with the government in any really constructive undertaking, as long as they are confident that the rules of the game will be followed, and that they will not be changed by some passing whim or new idea. I must confess that during the past several weeks I have heard more doubt than hopefulness expressed in both business and government circles.

Personally, I am confident that with a sustained constructive and cooperative approach to our major problems, the tide can be turned. Secretary Hopkins is entitled to an opportunity to make good on his program. We must improve the conditions of our rural population, which means we must make more than a casual effort to recapture our share of the world's markets for the products of our farms. There is not going to be any European war that we have to worry about. But it is good business to be prepared for any eventuality, and we should frankly present our national armament requirements to the people on this basis alone, and not resort to scare psychology to justify the necessary expenditures.

"We will fare better," Mr. Giannini concluded, "when the government employs straight-forward tactics, and is willing to admit its mistakes. It would be wise to profit by the English example. She has used a common sense approach to her problems."

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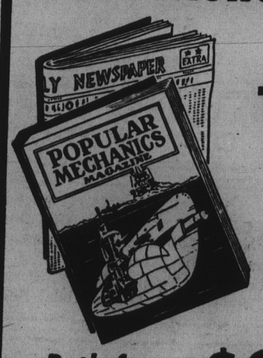

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Education of Nevada City Unified School District, will receive bids for furnishing any and all required labor, materials, transportation and services for the construction of alterations and additions to the Nevada City High School Gymnasium at Nevada City, California; each bid to be in accordance with plans and specifications now on file with the Board of Education of Nevada City Unified School District, at Nevada City, California, and with William Mooser and Charles Lindley, Architects, San Francisco.

Bids shall be received as follows:

All work complete and with certain alternates, as per plans and specifications.

Plans and specifications are now on file at the Bank of America, Nevada City, California, and also at the office of the Architects, 244 Kearny Street, San Francisco, where they may be examined and copies obtained upon deposit of $25.00 per set, which deposit will be refunded upon the return of such copies in good condition within five (5) days after the bids are opened.

Bidders are hereby notified that pursuant to the statutes of the State of California, or local law thereto applicable, the Board of Education of the Nevada City Unified School District has ascertained the general prevailing rate per diem wages and rates for legal holidays and overtime work in the locality in which this work is to be performed, for each craft or type of workman or mechanic needed to execute the contract which will be awarded the successful bidder.

The prevailing rates so determined are as follows:

Trade or Occup.	Per Diem Wage	Hourly Rate	Rates for Legal Holiday and Overtime
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Bricklayer's Hod Carrier	6.50	.81	Double Time
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The foregoing schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight (8) hours. The hourly wage rate prescribed herein above is the per diem rate divided by the aforementioned number of hours constituting a working day.

It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded and upon any subcontractor under him, to pay not less than the said specified rates to all laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by them in the execution of the contract.

Each bid shall be made out on a form to be obtained at the Bank of America, Nevada City, California, or at the office of the Architects, 244 Kearny Street, San Francisco, and shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bid bond for five (5) per cent of the amount of the bid made payable to the order of the Board of Education, Nevada City Unified School District, Nevada City, California; shall be sealed and filed with the clerk of said board, Bank of America, Nevada City, on or before the 4th day of March, 1939, at 1:30 o'clock P. M., and will be opened in public at or about 1:30 o'clock P. M. of that day in the office of the principal, Nevada City Elementary School, Nevada City, California.

The above-mentioned check or bond shall be given as a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into contract if awarded the work, and will be declared forfeited if the successful bidder refuses to enter into said contract after being requested so to do by the said Board of Education.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a labor and material bond in an amount equal to 50% of the contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price, said bonds to be secured from a surety company satisfactory to the said Board of Education.

The said Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any irregularity in a bid.

Award of any contract hereunder shall be conditioned upon funds being made available for construction thereunder, and upon the Board of Education of the Nevada City Unified School District having the right to hold all bids received for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of the opening thereof, unless otherwise required by law.

Dated: February 17th, 1939.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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MINERAL APPLICATION NO. 032053.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EMPIRE STAR MINES COMPANY, LIMITED, whose postoffice address is Grass Valley, California, has made application for patent for the CHARLESTON LODE MINING CLAIM, Survey No. 6235, situated in the Nevada Mining District, Nevada County, California, in the N½ Sec. 17, T. 16 N., R. 9 E., M. D. M., described as follows:

Beginning at Corner No. 1 of the CHARLESTON LODE MINING CLAIM, from which the Quarter Section Corner on the North boundary of Section 17, Township 16 North, Range 9 East, M. D. B. & M., bears South 88° 28' West 5.06 feet distant; thence S. 1° 29' East, 300 feet to Corner No. 2 of said Lode Mining Claim; thence South 88° 28' West 1123.79 feet to Corner No. 3 of said Lode; thence North 1° 29' West 300 feet to Corner No. 4 of said Lode; thence North 88° 28' East 1123.79 feet to Corner No. 1 of said Lode and the place of beginning.

The names of the adjoining claims are the Golden Gate Lode Claim on the East, designated as Survey No. 4786, and the Mohegan Mining Claim on the South, officially designated as Survey No. 4786; that the lands adjoining on the North and West are patented. The conflict with the North West Quarter of the North East Quarter, (NW¼ of NE¼) of Section 17, Township 16 North, Range 9 East, is expressly excluded from this application. Location notice is recorded in book 28 of Mining Claims, page 327 et seq., records of Nevada County.

ELLIS PURLEE, Register.

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Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5.

NO RADICAL LEGISLATION SAYS THURMAN

Assemblyman A. G. (Scoop) Thurman spoke to the Nevada City Rotary club at their weekly luncheon yesterday on how the state assembly appeared to a "freshman legislator." Assemblyman Thurman stated that the district which he represented is the largest in the state and is composed of ten counties extending from Nevada county on the north to Inyo and Mariposa on the south. He has the honor of representing a district which is in turn represented in the senate by four state senators, namely our own Jerry Seawell and Senators Mayo, Perovich and Brown, and, "believe it or not" he represents the City of Los Angeles. This is because approximately ninety per cent of the land in Owens Valley of Inyo county is owned by the City of Los Angeles. The actual organizing of the legislature was described by Mr. Thurman, and the inauguration of the governor was, he said, a real high light owing to the fact that it was the first Derocratic governor in forty years. Approximately 4000 bills had been introduced in the first session of the legislature, over 1200 in the senate, and over 2700 in the assembly, 700 having been introduced on the last day. Thurman is the author of eleven, and co-author on a number of others. He stated that this did not mean there would be that many new laws, but the majority of the bills simply amended or repealed existing laws. In the case of his bills, 7 amended existing law with reference to the justice of the peace office, 1 would abolish the compulsory fire patrol law and substitute voluntary contribution for fire protection, and one provided for staggered appointments to the State Board of Forestry and for representatives on the board from the various resources or industries vital to conservation.

He regarded the compulsory fire patrol law as double taxation since various counties contribute from tax paid funds to fire protection. The timber owners pay taxes into these funds and in turn, under the present law, have to pay a special patrol fee upon their timber lands. Thurman was fortunate in his opinion on having his request to be appointed on the Conservation, Fish and Game, and Mines and Mining committees granted. He felt that he could best serve the interests of his district on these committees, but requested that he not be made chairman of any committee since he wanted to gain experience before attempting to fill one of these important positions.

The manner in which bills were introduced was described and also the electric voting device. The senate, Thurman said, votes by voice, but in the assembly each desk has a red and a green button with which the assemblyman registers his votes, the votes being in turn reflected in red and green lights on a signal board containing all the assemblyman's names. At the conclusion the machine automatically tabulates and totals the vote on a printed sheet.

The assembly, Thurman said, had sometimes been thought of as the radical part of the legislature, but in his opinion it was getting more conservative and the people need not have any real fear of radical legislation passing at this session. He gave as an example a piece of radical legislation introduced the first part of the session that polled only 13 favorable votes and older members of the assembly said the same would have polled 28 or 29 several years ago. It so happened, Thurman stated, that he had voted for all of the bills that had passed, including the present budget. He was of the opinion that the budget would not pass in its present form. He expressed himself as not being entirely satisfied with the present relief set-up. In his travels throughout his district he said he had found for one thing a number of married women drawing good salaries from the relief set-up and who had husbands well able to support them. He did not think this entirely fair to the taxpayers. In Thurman's oponion the relief should be on a national basis whereby citizens would pay relief tax to Washington and it would be in turn appartioned out to the various states on the basis of relative needs. This is very desirable in the case of California on account of the heavy migration of dust bowl inhabitants, throwing an immense relief load on our own citizens.

His work as an assemblyman, Thurman stated, was the most interesting he has ever had. He found his colleagues to be a fine bunch of fellows and always willing to help a younger member get acquainted. He had consulted older members freely, and especially the senators from his own district on matters that pertained thereto, and found them always responsive and cooperative.

Thurman expressed appreciation for the large majority that had been given him by the Nevada County voters and credited this largely for his election to the office.

"JESSE JAMES" FAMOUS OUTLAW AT THEATRE SUN.

The most romantic outlaw in the history of America, the desperado whose daring colored a whole era and endowed it with the title of the "Serious Seventies"—the man who invented bank holdups and introduced train robberies—has been brought to the screen at last in Darryl F. Zanuck's production, "Jesse James," the 20th Century-Fox Technicolor epic, starring Tyrone Power, Henry Fonda, Nancy Kelly and Randolph Scott, which opens at the Broadway Theatre on Sunday, Mar., 5th.

"Jesse James" opens with the introduction of the "Iron Horse" in its journey through the old West, cutting ruthlessly across the farms of the simple, hardy pioneers.

It shows how Jesse James and his equally notorious brother, Frank (Henry Fonda), began their career of crime as a direct result of the murder of their mother by an unscrupulous hireling of the St. Louis Midland railroad, in the person of one Barshee, played by Brian Donlevy.

M. E. CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion services will be held at the Methodist church Sunday morning as a part of the Lenten services. At 2:30 in the afternoon Rev. H. H. Buckner and members will hold services at the county hospital.

John Ghidotti, pioneer Nevada City merchant who suffered a heart attack a few days ago, is able to be up and about his home on Prospect Hill.

SUNSHINE, RAIN, SNOW

There has been much sunshine, 17.5 inches of snow and 4.28 inches of rain fall for February. Snow fell on eight days varying from a trace to seven inches.

The total rainfall for the month was 4.28 bringing the seasonal total to 18.78 inches. Indications are that there will be two or three days of storm during the coming week end.

While rainfall is far below average, Agricultural Commissioner L. G. Lageson stated yesterday that if mositure comes to the section from now on local fruit trees and gardens will not be affected.

GOLD FLAT THURSDAY CLUB

The Gold Flat Thursday Club met [illegible] Mrs. John Deschwanden on Gold Flat yesterday after noon. Mrs. Frank Farmer and Mrs. Deschwanden were joint hostesses. A delightful afternoon of fancy work and social converse was enjoyed. During the business session election of officers was held for the ensuing year. The newly chosen officials are Mrs Frank Farmer, president; Mrs. Nara Ghanholm, vice president, Mrs. John Deschwanden was again elected secretary treasurer.

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COURT ROOM IMPRESSIONS

By RON G. DEETER

A blanketed stillness in the lovely superior court room, broken only by the [illegible] almost monotonous flow of modulated voices and the leisurely flapping of venetian blinds. Outside the angry grind of automobiles going up hill and the shrill voices of children at play.

Irene Blackwood, defendant, dressed in a too large black pin stripe suit, her small hands whitely clutching a pair of black gloves. Her nervous glance occasionally consulting a heavy gold watch on her left wrist.

Irl Blackwood, defendant, in a blue check lumberjack coat, apparently completely calm, but missing no word of the testimony.

District Attorney Vernon Stoll distinguishing himself with his easy courteous manner, so disarmingly mild that answers to his questions came with amazing promptness.

A string of eight character witnesses for the defendant, all of who knew so much about Blackwood, in his favor, but who apparently had never known him well enough to visit him in his home. Their collective testimony can be summed up as vague and unimpressive.

Mrs. Marie LaValley, widow in black. Tall and frail looking. Ttestifying in a firm clear voice, concealing an emotion that was all too obvious once she was outside the court room.

Attorney William Cassettari, a little belligerent, but none the less pertinent in his questioning, leaving an impression of careful capability.

J. D. Rafferty, clarifying the minds of the spectators with a sketch on the blackboard of the relative positions of buildings important in the action of the crime.

A man and a woman on trial for their lives, two widows testifying, and still the gentle flap of venetian blinds in a spring breeze, and the laughter of little children floating up from the street.

The court reporter who must have an arm of steel, taking down Irene Blackwood's testimony which was given either so rapidly as to be unintelligible or else as though it had been so thoroughly memorized that she gave it as if dictating a letter.

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Social Events

International Tea Attracts Large Throng

A large crowd of members and visitors attended the International Tea given by the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon. Small tables were used to hold exhibits from many foreign countries. Short programs and dainty refreshments of each country were enjoyed. Many of the exhibits were generously loaned by different persons.

Music was played by Miss Susanna Hawkins and Mrs. Kelly sang airs appropriate to each country leading off with the Star Spangled Banner of the United States. Mrs. H. H. Buckner, wife of Rev. H. H. Buckner was in charge of the International Tea and to her goes much praise for the delightful affair.

Countries and a partial list of those participating are:

Spain: Mrs. Roy Stanley assisted by Mrs. Granholm. The exhibit was a group of colorful rugs and baskets. Spanish beans were served. Miss Beryl Granholm wore a Spanish costume and head dress. An exhibit of American Indian relics were also on display.

The British Isles: Mrs. Ray Murchie, Mrs. Fannie Eden. Saffron buns and tea were served. Mrs. Havey of Indian Flat represented Scotland and sevred short-bread. Mrs. Von Dornum portrayed Ireland with exquisite linens and served Shamrock cookies frosted in green.

Scandanavian Countries: Mrs. Anna Singsaas assisted by Mrs. S. Ronning and Miss Flum. They gave a short program and explained customs of the countries. Dainty refreshments were dishes from each one.

Hawaiian and Philippine Islands: Mrs. J. E. Johnston assisted by Mrs. Morris. Pineapple juice was served.

Germany, Italy and Slovakia: A few articles of each country were on one table. A gondola represented Italy while dainty embroidery represented Slovakia. Mrs. Steve Eden had charge of the table.

China: Mrs. Frank Farmer was assisted by Mrs. Geary Feagans. Two little Chinese girls, Ella Yuen and Pauline Ken, were in costume the latter being quite dignified in her elaborate ceremonial headdress. The girls sang Chinese songs. Incense was burned and tiny servings of candied ginger were enjoyed. Tea was served to visitors and tiny cookies told fortunes.

TRINITY GUILD MARCH MEETING

Twenty six members of Trinity Guild of the Trinity Episcopal church held a business meeting yesterday afternoon at the home of its president, Mrs. E. M. Rector and a social time enjoyed. Mrs. O. McCranney was chairman of the committee on refreshments, assisted by Mrs. Gordon Bettles, Mrs. B. C. Goldsmith, Mrs. Lloyd Dudley and Mrs. Douglass Farmer.

TRINITY CHURCH

Trinity Episcopal church will hold Sunday school at 10 o'clock Sunday morning and church services at 7:30 in the evening. Each Wednesday evening during Lent there will also be services. Miss Elma Hecker superintendent of the Sunday school, conducted the meeting last Wednesday evening.

JURY TO DECIDE

(Continued from Page One)

"I went out to see what it was," she testified. "I saw both Mr. and Mrs. Blackwood with guns in their hands. Lavalley and Arthur Maul had their hands in the air. I went back into the house and told my husband. He was playing his banjo. I asked him to stop the trouble. My husband came back in the house after his gun when he saw what was going on. I asked him not to take the gun. He said he was not going to use it, that he was only going to bluff them.

"He said to the Blackwoods: 'Stick 'em up. Throw your guns away. You can't get away with this.' Blackwood said: 'Let's throw our guns down and settle this.' Jim threw his gun down the hill and then the shooting started. The gun was jumping in Blackwood's hand. I was too excited to get the full benefit of what wos going on. My husband turned to me and as he turned he said: 'Oh,' Then there was another shot and he fell."

"Did you see anything of Mr. Lavalley?" she was asked.

"I saw him covered with blood and fighting. He had a hold of Blackwood and they were rolling on the ground."

Elizabeth Lavalley, 14 year old daughter of one of the slain men, directly accused Blackwood of the murder of her father. Her story was several times because o her sobbing. She said when the trouble began she stood beside her father.

"I heard a shot come pretty close" she said. "the bullet grazed my hair. My father turned around and asked if I was hurt. Then he turned back after he asked me that and I saw Mr. Blackwood shoot him in the stomach."

The jury selected to try the case is composed of:

Harold James Crase, Richard Hoskins, Eric Spear, William E. Johnson, David Hoyt, Mildred A. Nankervis, Lewis E. Sleeman, George D. Beyer, A. L. (Dick) Lane, George L. Chaney, Howard S. Matheson and Frank O'Hara.

COURT CALENDAR

The following matters will be heard in the superior court this morning by Judge George L. Jones:

Estates of James Nankervis, Oliver A. Haugner, William Trathen, A. E. Hawke, August Wolfe, deceased. Petitions.

Estate of Mary Franzini, deceased. Final account and petition for distribution.

Estate of Leonard Geck, deceased. Return and account of sale.

Blakser vs. Reed and Blakser cs. Hawkins. Setting causes for trial.

Bennallack vs Rector. Demurrer.

People vs. Idaho Maryland Mine. Order to show cause.

MRS. ILONA GALUPI BURIED IN SIERRA CITY

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Ilona Galupi, native of Sierra City, will be held at 2 o'clock in Sierra City tomorrow afternoon. Holmes Funeral Home will have charge of the funeral arrangements. Rev. Jorgensen will conduct the services.

Deceased, aged 48 was born in Sierra City and spent her life there. She is survived by John Galupi, husband, Sierra City; Alda Rose Galupi, daughter, Sierra City; Mrs. N. Wade, aunt and Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, aunt, Sierra City; Mrs. Ray Wilde, cousin, Nevada City and Mrs. Ed. Jenkins, cousin, Grass Valley.

Mrs. Etta Los Kamp, mother of Mrs. Otto Schiffner is visiting her sister in Mountain View.

Estate of Hefelfinger, deceased. Petition to set aside.

Nevada Theatre

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R. N. McCORMACK, County Clerk.